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Dear Neighbor,

I'm honored to serve as your State Representative. I will continue to advocate for legislation that will help Wethersfield residents and business owners. During the last session, I worked with colleagues to pass a bipartisan budget and fought to ensure our town sees an increase in funding in FY 2022 and 2023. These investments will see communities, like Wethersfield, recover and thrive as we move out of the pandemic. I will continue to protect our democracy, grow our economy, and fight for our families.

I am grateful for the input I have received from citizens and appreciate the meaningful exchange. Please let me know your thoughts on legislation and what you would like to see us consider. The best way to contact me is through email at amy.morrinbello@cga.ct.gov. I look forward to hearing from you.



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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE AMY MORRIN BELLO 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

#### **Expanding Children's Mental Health Services**

The pandemic has exasperated the mental health issues across the country and in CT we are seeing demand for services that isn't being met. Our work must include erasing the stigma of mental health, increase mental health programs to support a person before they are in crisis, expand in-state providers through workforce initiatives, incentives, and reciprocity with other state licensing, support mental health in schools, and redefine insurance coverage for children with mental health needs.

#### **Preserving Voting Rights and Accessibility**

This session, I am working with my colleagues to make sure voters have access to voting and residents have access to town and state resources online, including work to make sure websites are accessible to all and meetings can continue to be held virtually in conformity with freedom of information guidelines. I support allowing Covid to be a reason for voting by absentee and making it easier for voters to vote absentee if they're feeling unwell, worried about their health, or out of town on Election Day.

#### **Addressing Juvenile Crime**

I continue to work to address juvenile crime and ensure that we're doing enough for our at-risk youth. I support more immediate arraignments of youth offenders, electronic monitoring in certain instances, and programs that will serve juveniles and reduce crime.

#### **Continuing Pandemic Recovery**

Tax relief and workforce development are crucial components of our economic recovery. Expanding the Child Tax Credit for working and middle class families, stepping up the phase-in of tax cuts on retiree income, and capping motor vehicle taxes will provide relief to taxpayers. Along with tax relief, we need a robust workforce development plan to assist those seeking jobs and our business community as they search for skilled labor. CT is home to many state of the art manufacturing and health care facilities that provide jobs and a living wage that need people with the necessary skills required to perform the jobs.

#### **Increasing Clean Transportation**

I support clean transportation programs like CHEAPER, an ebike incentive, infrastructure improvements, including public charging stations, a plan to purchase electric government vehicles, allowing EV manufacturers to sell in the state, and planning and funding bicycle and pedestrian lanes on roads to increase the use of alternate modes of transportation. We have a responsibility to provide accessible and affordable modes of transportation to residents while also working to protect our environment.



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